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Subject: Indiana's New Content Connectors for Adoption

The Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE's) Office of Teaching and Learning developed Indiana's Alternative Standards, known as content connectors, to align with the 2023 Indiana Academic Standards. IDOE convened educator committees and facilitated a public comment period to collect feedback on these content connectors. The new content connectors will replace any existing content connectors for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities and will inform the development of the next iteration of I AM, Indiana's Alternate Measure.

Each set of content connectors (except Integrated STEM) designates a select few standards as "essential" for student mastery by the end of the grade or course, in alignment with the 2023 Indiana Academic Standards.

IDOE recommends these content connectors for adoption:

- [Mathematics](#)
- [English/Language Arts](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Social Studies](#)
- [Integrated STEM](#)

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